Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2011/04/07 : CIA-RDP82-00457R012300170003-8 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY CLASSIFICATION SECRET SECURITY INFORMATION INFORMATION REPORT CD COUNTRY Czechoslovakia DATE DISTR. 5 June 1952 SUBJECT NO. OF PAGES Telephone System of the SNB and StB DATE OF NO. OF ENCLS. INFO. 50X1-HUM **PLACE** SUPPLEMENT TO **ACQUIRED** REPORT NO. THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES, WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 18, SECTIONS 793 AND 794, OF THE U.S. CODE, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR REVE-THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION LATION OF ITS CONTENTS TO OR RECEIPT BY AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON 15 50X1-HUM PROHIBITED BY LAW. THE REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROHIBITED. The Czechoslovak Security Service has installed its own telephone network which connects the Ministry of National Security, all county commands of State Security (StB) and National Security (SNB), and all district commands of National Security (SNB) and units of State Security (StB) in all of Czechoslovakia. This telephone network consists of long distance and local lines. Long-distance lines Underground cables are used, not only for telephoning but also for teleprinting. All commands connected with this long-distance network may communicate through telephone and teleprint. Most of the network had been installed during the German occupation to connect German establishments (Gestapo, Kripo, etc.). After the war the network was taken over by the Czechoslovak Security Service and completed. 3. Central exchanges of teleprint lines are located in Prague, Brno, and Bratislava. These three exchanges are mutually connected, with lines spreading out of each exchange all over the country, from Prague through Bohemia, Brno through Moravia, and Bratislava through Slovakia. If one wants to be connected with Moravia from Bohemia, he must ask the Prague exchange for connection with Brno and then the Brno exchange for further connection with the point in Moravia. The Prague exchange is located at Zikmund Winter street 2, Prague XIX, the former headquarters of the Main SNB Command, now the seat of the Ministry of National Security, StB Group. In general, one may say that the Ministry of National Security, all county commands of State Security (StB) and National Security (SNB) and also some district commands of National Security (SNB) and some units of State Security (StB) participate in the long-distance communication network. Participation of some of the district commands of National Security (SNB) and units of State Security (StB) in the long-distance communication network is the Document No. CLASSIFICATION CONTRACTOR No Change In Mass. X AIR Date: 210

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result of the fact that this network was installed at a time when the Security Service had a different structure of territorial organization.

Local lines

- 4. Direct connections of county commands of National Security (SNB) with subordinate district commands of National Security (SNB) were installed in
 1950. For this purpose, the Postal Administration had to lease permanently
 its telephone lines to the Security Service. These lines are open wire
 lines on poles. Telephone switchboards have been installed at every district
 command of National Security (SNB). In 1950 stations of National Security
 (SNB) were not provided with independent connections to their superior
 commands (OV-NB) but had to ask post offices to make a connection in each
 individual case. SNB stations having three or more SNB members were permanently connected with the telephone switchboard at the post office during
 the night. Rural post offices have no telephone service at night, and
 individual stations of National Security were therefore connected directly
 with the telephone switchboards of their respective district towns via their
 post offices after official hours. SNB stations having only one or two
 SNB members were connected only when facilities were open.
- 5. As almost every long-distance system has more than one telephone line, it is possible that State Security (StB) has reserved special lines within the scope of this communication network. But in view of the practical need for frequent telephone calls between StB and SNB stations it may be assumed that every town connected with the long-distance system will have its own switchboard from which telephone calls can be switched over to local stations of StB as well as SNB. The same may be true for the teleprint system.

Prague

6. The Security Service in Prague has its own telephone network, with the switch-board located in the building of the former Police Presidium, Narodni street 13, Prague I. Subsidiary telephone switchboards are at Lupacova street, Prague-Zizkov; Novodvorska street, Prague-Mala Strana; and Dostalova street, Prague-Bubenec. The interconnection is transversal so that connection with any police station in Prague is possible via any of these subsidiary switchboards. All telephone connections in Prague are automatic. The main telephone switchboard at Narodni 13, Prague I, is connected with the switchboard of the long-distance telephone system at Zikmund Winter street 2, Prague XIX.

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